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City of Newport Beach, CA  
**City Manager's Newsletter**

**TO:** Mayor Henn & Council Members  
**FROM:** Dave Kiff, City Manager  
**DATE:** February 18, 2011

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## ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES DEPARTMENT

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February 18, 2011

**TO:** DAVE KIFF, CITY MANAGER

**FROM:** Tracy McCraner, Administrative Services Director/Treasurer *Tracy McCraner*

**SUBJECT:** CITY MANAGER'S NEWSLETTER

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### **ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES UPDATE**

We anticipate distributing draft versions of the administrative procedures related to Council Policy F-5, Purchasing Authority for Goods and Materials, and F-14, Authority to Contract for Services, to department directors next week. We'll incorporate recommended changes and hope to have the City Manager approve the new procedures in early March. We've already scheduled a training opportunity on March 16, 2011, at 10 a.m. The approved procedures will be available on the intranet prior to the training. Please contact Anthony Nguyen in Purchasing at ext. 3080 if you have any questions or would like to attend the training.

### **PARKING METER RFQ UPDATE**

The City issued a Request for Qualifications for Off-Street and On-Street Parking Meter Management and Parking Meter Enforcement. Seven companies responded – all well respected and experienced in municipal parking meter operations. After careful consideration, staff selected three companies for interviews and reference checks. The three companies all offered revenue enhancements, improved infrastructure replacement and a history of excellent customer service and community liaising. The companies also had a history of hiring previous municipal staff and would offer promotional opportunities within its operations, an important component in the vetting process.

Administrative Services, City Manager's office, Police Department and the Office of the City Attorney all participated in the interview process. The final decision will be made pending final financial analysis and reference checks. Staff anticipates making its recommendation to City Council in March.



## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

To: Dave Kiff, City Manager  
From:  Joel Fick, Interim Community Development Director  
Subject: City Manager's Newsletter  
Date: February 18, 2011

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### **Planning Division**

#### ***Revised Draft of the Housing Element of the General Plan***

A revised draft of the Housing Element of the General Plan has been completed by staff. The revised Housing Element addresses comments made by the State Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) and was mailed to HCD for their review on February 11, 2011. HCD is required to review the draft and report its findings to the City within 60 days, stating whether or not the draft substantially complies with State Housing Element Law. Upon receipt of a report from HCD finding that the draft substantially complies, staff will schedule review of the Housing Element for adoption by the City Council. The February 2011 Draft Housing Element has also been posted online and made available for public review at the following link: [http://www.newportbeachca.gov/Pln/Housing\\_Element\\_Update/Docs/HousingElement\\_Draft\\_2011-02-11.pdf](http://www.newportbeachca.gov/Pln/Housing_Element_Update/Docs/HousingElement_Draft_2011-02-11.pdf)

#### **CEQA Implications resulting from Sunnyvale West Neighborhood Assn. v. City of Sunnyvale City Council**

The City's Traffic Phasing Ordinance and current industry practice for assessing a project's traffic impacts is based on a comparison of the project's traffic contribution to a future baseline condition. This future baseline condition is typically one year after the project's opening year. Traffic volumes for this future baseline are derived by adding ambient growth to the existing traffic volumes and adding traffic from approved projects. This methodology provides a more conservative and realistic assessment of the traffic impacts of a project. However, a recent court decision invalidated the use of a baseline consisting of future, post-project approval conditions to analyze a project's traffic impacts in environmental documents pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). This decision will have widespread effects on the preparation of CEQA documents throughout the State because the use of a future baseline has become industry practice, particularly for analysis of traffic and circulation impacts. Cities will now be required to include an assessment of potential traffic impacts on existing conditions, as if a project were to be built overnight, in addition to the industry practice of assessment based on future scenarios.

### **New Applications**

The following applications were received by the Planning Division:

- An amendment to the North Newport Center Planned Community to incorporate Pacific Financial Plaza properties in Block 800 of Newport Center Drive (*Irvine Company*).
- A telecommunications permit application was submitted to allow the installation of antennas on an existing service pole at 1549 Placentia Avenue (*NextG Networks*).
- A telecommunications permit application was submitted to allow the installation of antennas on the roof of an existing office building at 20301 Acacia Street (*T-Mobile West Corporation*).
- A modification permit application was submitted to allow the remodel of a deck that encroaches into the front setback at 339 Catalina Drive (*Hamilton Residence*).
- A modification permit application was submitted to modify an existing sign program at 4100-4106 Newport Place (*America's Instant Signs*).
- An application consisting of a General Plan amendment, Coastal Land Use Plan amendment, and code amendment, was submitted to continue the existing commercial use of a property at 3363 Via Lido (*Fainberg*).
- A tentative parcel map application was submitted for a new two-unit condominium at 403 Jasmine Avenue (*David Bowman*).
- A tentative parcel map application was submitted for a new two-unit condominium at 620 Begonia Avenue (*MRPN Enterprises, LLC*).

### **Kudos**

Customers recently wrote these comments on "How Do We Rate" forms:

*"Excellent service, efficient as always."*

*"The Planning & Building employees are always great. This morning was the fastest and smoothest permit process that I have had in 15 years. Thanks."*

*"Thanks very much for your reply and that's good news. We greatly appreciate the fine work which you and the CNB Planning team has performed on this important project for Farmers & Merchants Bank."*

### **Quick Hits**

Staff received a phone call from the Community Development Director of the City of Grover Beach inquiring about City's short-term rental regulations. Staff described the City's efforts to address resident's concerns, such as requiring a 24/7 local contact person.

A customer at the public counter inquired about a property he was currently renting. His intention was to purchase the property, but he had concerns about compliance with the current Title 20 (Zoning) of the City's Municipal Code. Upon letting the customer know the current requirement of two parking spaces per dwelling unit, he quickly responded that only two parking spaces were provided for the duplex. After determining that the duplex was built as permitted in compliance with the Zoning Code prior to the 1960s, staff showed the customer Chapter 20.38 of the Zoning Code pertaining to nonconforming parking to ensure the customer that he could add square footage or rebuild the structure if it were damaged. He was relieved and thanked staff for the reassurance he was seeking.

Planning and Building Division staff attended a local government roundtable to discuss residential solar installations throughout Orange County. The roundtable was organized by CleanTech OC, which is a trade organization for companies in the Orange County region. The objective of the meeting was to bring together city representatives and industry professionals to share best practices in order to align the requirements in the County and facilitate permit processing. The meeting was well attended by building officials and planners. Some items discussed were flat versus valuation-based fees, the turn-around time for permit issuance, and the availability of information online. The City of Newport Beach generally has a quick turn-around time for residential solar permits and also has detailed guidelines easily accessible online.

Staff received a call from a customer who is interested in purchasing the Santa Barbara Condominium project in Newport Center. Staff informed him that the project has been inactive for some time, but provided the latest contact information.

Staff met with a group interested in developing a townhouse/flat rental project in the Lido Village area. Staff reviewed a conceptual design and discussed the application process.

Staff met with a regional infill developer who was interested in several mixed-use and residential sites, with particular interest in sites where entitlements for development have been secured but no application has been made for building permits.

Staff assisted a customer at the public counter regarding building a new home on Balboa Island. The customer was considering scraping their lot and building a new single-unit residence and wanted to know all of the site development regulations pertaining to the lot. Staff provided the customer with the appropriate details from the Zoning Code and notified the customer that,

although 1.5 times the buildable area of the lot plus 200 square feet was the maximum square footage allowed, building a home in excess of 1.5 times the buildable area would trigger a review by the Coastal Commission. The customer was glad to have received this information well in advance and would consider this factor in designing his residence.

### **Building Division**

#### ***Significant Project: Pizzeria Mozza***

A building permit has been issued to demolish an existing restaurant building and construct a new restaurant at 800 W. Coast Highway.

The new building will consist of 3,200 sq. ft. on the first floor and a 200 sq ft. mezzanine. Cost of construction is estimated to be \$1.3 million.

#### ***Construction Activity***

Construction valuation of building permits issued during January is consistent with the improvement in construction activity. Building permits were issued for seven single-family dwellings and five duplexes. Excluding the \$66 million construction valuation for the new City Hall and library addition, construction valuation is 45% ahead of the same period of last fiscal year.

Attachment



# CITY OF NEWPORT BEACH

## BUILDING DEPARTMENT

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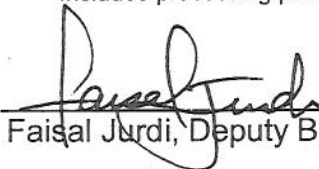
### CONSTRUCTION REPORT - MONTH OF JANUARY 2011

	Current Month	Previous Month	Fiscal Year To Date	Previous FY To Date
Total Valuation:	\$17,177,108	\$81,386,595	\$191,716,086	\$86,768,190
Building/Combo Permits:	247	196	1,714	1,349
Total Permits:	441	397	3,175	2,473
Plan Submittals:	172	194	1,355	1,162

### BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED

	Number	Valuation	Dwelling Units
One-Family Buildings	7	\$5,548,445	7
Two-Family Buildings	5	\$2,821,002	10
Patios/Decks/Trellis	5	\$193,000	
Pools/Spas	6	\$190,000	
Harbor	4	\$47,200	
Residential Additions/Alterations	93	\$3,885,953	
Commercial Additions/Alterations	15	\$2,582,275	
Residential Garages & Carports	1	\$38,500	
Fire Sprinkler/Alarms/Misc.	41	\$236,244	
Demolitions:			
One-Family Buildings	5	\$39,000	(5)
Two-Family Buildings	4	\$31,000	(8)
Other Than Dwelling	2	\$3,500	
Miscellaneous:			
Re-roofs (15)			
Fences/Retaining Walls (11)	110	\$1,560,989	
Signs/Banners (69)			
* Misc. (15)			
<b>TOTALS:</b>	<b>298</b>	<b>\$17,177,108</b>	<b>4</b>

\* Includes processing permits/change of contractor/fire damage repair/deck dry-rot repair



Faisal Jurdi, Deputy Building Official



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## BUILDING DEPARTMENT

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### REVENUE REPORT - MONTH OF JANUARY 2011

Current Month	Previous Month	FY to Date	Previous FY to Date
\$323,751.56	\$395,247.03	\$2,666,649.83	\$2,012,396.00

### FIRE DEPARTMENT REVENUE \*

\$7,216.01	\$5,046.68	\$56,957.08	\$42,745.00
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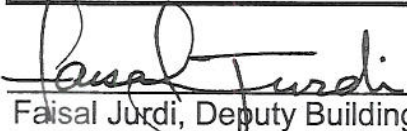
### DETAILED BREAKDOWN

Breakdown	Number	Revenue
Plan Check (Building) 5023 2900-5002	172	\$73,151.97
Plan Check (Energy) 2900-5017		\$3,294.85
Plan Check (Disabled) 2900-5018		\$3,398.45
Plan Check (Grading) 2900-5004		\$2,438.40
Plan Check (Harbor) 2900-4627		\$769.68
Building/Combination Permits 2900-4610	247	\$161,296.38
Grading Permits 2900-4614	** 0	\$17,467.60
Electrical Permits 2900-4612	** 64	\$16,019.81
Plumbing Permits 2900-4616	** 45	\$13,080.65
Mechanical Permits 2900-4618	** 34	\$9,161.92
Pool/Spa Permits 2900-4622	6	\$3,134.70
Harbor Permits 2900-4628	4	\$950.90
Residential Building Records 2900-5005	102	\$16,682.10
Misc. 4621, 4858, 5001, 5019, 5021, 5228 2900-5008		\$2,904.15
Plan Check (Fire) * 2330-5055		\$2,938.88
Fire Permits * 2330-5057	41	\$4,277.13

\* Plan Check and inspections of fire sprinklers & fire alarm is performed cooperatively with Fire Prevention Bureau

\*\* Additional permits issued as part of combination permits

	Current Month	Previous Month	Fiscal Year To Date	Previous FY To Date
Total Inspections (Including items listed below)	2,453	2,160	17,644	16,670
RBR Insp.'s	72	72	585	620
Insp.'s Related to Complaints	185	127	1,309	1,663
Building Code Enforcement	2	1	6	77

  
Faisal Jurdi, Deputy Building Official



**Newport Beach Fire Department  
Office of the Fire Chief**

DATE: February 18, 2011  
TO: Dave Kiff, City Manager  
FROM: Mike Morgan, Fire Chief  
SUBJECT: CITY MANAGER'S NEWSLETTER

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**FEMA and State Applicants Briefing**

On Tuesday, Katie Eing and Fong Tse attended the FEMA and State Applicants Briefing for the 2010 December Winters Storms. The purpose of the briefing was to inform all applying agencies of the State and FEMA financial reimbursement process. For this federally declared disaster, the State cost share is 75% of the non-federal share (18.75%). The Local share is 6.25%. The City of Newport Beach incurred approximately \$648,000 in damage due to the heavy rains from December 17, 2010 to January 4, 2011. This total includes \$137,000 in damage to the new city hall construction site. Over the next several months, we will be working with the State and FEMA to repair facilities, equipment and obtain reimbursement for projects that have already been fixed. In total, the City will receive approximately \$610,000 from the State and the Federal governments in reimbursement for this federally declared disaster.

**Neighborhood Disaster Preparedness classes**

On Saturday, February 5, the Disaster Preparedness Division hosted a Neighborhood Disaster Preparedness class and CERT meeting at the Balboa Island Fire Station. The two hour class covered what residents on Balboa Island can expect following a disaster, how to build a disaster supply kit, a review of the siren and Alert OC notification systems, and what residents can do to prepare themselves, their homes and their neighborhood for unexpected disasters. Over 75 Balboa Island residents attended the class. Following the class, the Balboa Island CERT team reviewed their Emergency Plan and how they plan on checking on all of the island residents. The Balboa Island CERT team also explained where the three main staging areas on the Big and Little Islands are located, where the medical treatment area is going to be set-up, and the location of the three storage sheds that are completely equipped with disaster preparedness, medical and search and rescue supplies.

A similar Neighborhood Disaster Preparedness class was held for the Mariner's Community Association on Tuesday, February 15<sup>th</sup>. Over 50 residents attended this class. The primary focus of the class was the formulation of a neighborhood plan to prepare the community, similar to the one developed for Balboa Island and other Newport Beach communities.

### **CERT Organizational Day**

On Friday, February 11<sup>th</sup> the Fire Department held a CERT organizational day from 9:00 am-4:00 pm at the Santa Ana Heights Fire Station. 22 CERT volunteers assisted throughout the day. CERT volunteers prepared over 60 CERT student notebooks for the two upcoming spring CERT classes, organized and inventoried all of the CERT program supplies, organized the training room and installed all of the radio equipment in the new Volunteer Management trailer. Because of the CERT volunteers efforts, countless hours of staff time were saved and the fire department is all set-up for both spring CERT classes.

### **Junior Lifeguard Tryouts**

The Junior Lifeguards 2011 summer preparations have begun. The potential candidates are required to pass a 100 yard swim test before participating in the program. So far, approximately 1050 Junior Lifeguards have attempted to pass the timed test with over 900 passing. There are three more opportunities to pass the swim test before registration.

The tests are held rain or shine at Corona del Mar High School and are on the following dates:  
Sunday, February 20th 9am - 12noon  
Tuesday, February 22nd 6:30 pm - 8pm  
Tuesday, March 1 6:30pm- 8pm

Registration and Uniform try-ons will occur in March. And the program will begin on June 27, 2011.  
More information can be found at  
[www.newportlifeguard.org/JG/](http://www.newportlifeguard.org/JG/).

### **Firefighter Olympics- July 10-15th**

You may see banners on the fire stations announcing that the Newport Beach Firefighters Association will be hosting the 2011 California Firefighter's Olympic during the week of July 10th - 15th.

The Newport Beach Firefighters Association is deeply rooted in this community and enjoys a tremendous amount of support from both the City and the citizens we serve. The driving factor in hosting the games was to provide an opportunity for the Firefighters Association to show our appreciation for the continued support we receive. The Olympics routinely draws over 4000 firefighters and family members to the host City. These people will be eating in our restaurants and shopping in our stores.

The Firefighter Olympics began in 1970 as an opportunity for California Firefighters to come together in the spirit of friendly competition to promote physical fitness and camaraderie among our brothers and sisters in the Fire Service. The Olympics is put on annually and provides participants an opportunity to compete in over 30 events. Softball, basketball, surfing, golf and dodgeball are just some of the events in which we compete. The Games are governed by the California Firefighter's Athletic Association and each year local Fire Departments bid to host the event in their community. The Newport Beach Firefighters Association is truly honored and proud to host the 2011 Olympic Games. More information available at  
[www.firefighterolympics.org](http://www.firefighterolympics.org)

Pictured: (Above)- Line of prospective participants  
(Below)- Future Junior Lifeguard participants after passing their swim test.





## LIBRARY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

### Library – Cultural Arts



February 18, 2011

To: Dave Kiff, City Manager

From: Cynthia Cowell, Library Services Director

Subject: City Manager's Newsletter

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#### Library Services

##### **Mariners Olympic Competition**

On Tuesday, many of our fantastic library clerks at Mariners Branch Library competed in the Second Annual Clerk Olympics. Events included: Library Card Creation, Check-in, Curling, and Bust-a-Cart. Medal winners, shown in photo, were Jason Bensely – Gold, Carolyn Canaday – Silver, and Liz McKibbin – Bronze.



##### **Public Library Director's Symposium**

I am attending the Public Library Director's Symposium in San Francisco this Wednesday through Thursday. The program includes a host of speakers focusing on how public libraries can best serve their customers in the future. Many of the topics will focus on developing digital assets, web marketing, new directions in cataloging, e-books and other innovative products and services that libraries can offer to their customers. I anticipate bringing some new and creative ideas back to share with NBPL's staff.

##### **What's cooking at the Library: How sweet it is!**

Chocoholics gathered Tuesday night in the Friends Room for an especially sweet *What's Cooking at the Library* with chocolatier Tracey Downey of Xan Confections. Guests learned about chocolate making from "bean to bar" in a very interesting presentation which included lots of chocolate tasting, along with sparkling "prosecco" wine from Italy.



##### **Family Concert**

Three very talented young musicians will be performing at the Central Library this Saturday at 11 a.m. This week's Family Concert features members of Orange County's Pacific Symphony Youth Orchestra in a fun, interactive musical presentation that is sure to inspire members of the audience.

## Cultural Arts Services

### **City Arts Commission Upcoming Performances**

The Commission met on February 10. Rita Goldberg, who is chairing the performance subcommittee, had reviewed over 50 bands for this summer's Concerts in the Parks. Commissioner Goldberg and Commissioner Lasky's recommendations included The Showcase Singers, billed as "a uniquely talented group of singers who have delighted Orange County audiences for almost 40 years. In the 1970s they entertained at Mario's Restaurant in Corona del Mar, CA. In the 1980s and 90s you could find the Showcase Singers every Sunday and Monday night pleasing audiences at Five Crowns Restaurant in Corona del Mar. Today you will regularly find the Showcase Singers appearing at private parties and musicales throughout Orange and Los Angeles County."

The Showcase Singers will likely perform on Sunday, June 26 at Grant Howald Park in Corona del Mar from 6-7:30pm.



And, on Sunday, July 31 at Bonita Canyon Sports Park, the second band recommended was The Second Street Band, a pool of "approximately 40 world-class musicians and vocalists led by Gregg Young, singer, guitarist, ASCAP songwriter/publisher & NARAS Member.



Gregg, originally from San Francisco, was signed to a major label recording contract in his teens and has subsequently shared the stage with acts such as Jimi Hendrix, Bob Dylan, Steve Miller, Credence Clearwater Revival, Linda Ronstadt, Steppenwolf, Iron Butterfly, Eric Burden, War, Jose Feliciano and others. Gregg has had the privilege of having guitar great Carlos Santana as a friend and mentor, and learned a great deal while playing with Bo Diddley and Sly Stone.

Also on tap for this summer is the Shakespeare by the Sea festival performances. This year the troupe is planning to bring "Much Ado about Nothing" and "King Lear" to the park on July 9 and 10. Both plays begin at 7pm and run through approximately 9pm. These performances are also sponsored by the City Arts Commission.





## MUNICIPAL OPERATIONS DEPARTMENT

February 18, 2011

**TO:** Dave Kiff, City Manager  
**FROM:** Mark Harmon, Municipal Operations Director  
**SUBJECT:** City Manager's Newsletter

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### Polaris Drive Slope Renovation

Following the recent storms, the Parks Maintenance Crew was alerted to a slope along Polaris Drive where the dirt and debris had caused a hazardous condition on the adjacent sidewalk. The combination of the steepness of the slope, its location in a shaded area, and the accumulation of excess water contributed to the condition. Renovation of the slope included:

- *Slope clean-up:* removal of dead and dying plant material, and overgrown Junipers to allow for more sunlight and to make room for new soil-retentive plantings.
- *Erosion control:* installation of a straw-waddle at the base of the slope and anchored jute netting over the bottom 15 feet of the slope.
- *Replanting:* installation of selected plants directly into the netted area. Ceanothus "Yankee Point" and Manzanita "Emerald Carpet" were selected because they are California natives, drought tolerant, shade tolerant, durable, and have the ability to spread quickly over a large area.



### Donated Queen Palms

Mr. Dan Hilton of Hilton Builders donated eight Queen Palms with a collective value of \$11,500. Last month, staff successfully planted the Palms at three locations within the City: Mariners Library, West Newport Park, and Channel Park. The community is greatly appreciative of the generous donation.



### **Replanting Main Street Pots**

Recently, the Parks Division replanted 41 terra cotta pots on Main Street, in Balboa Village. The plants selected for the renovation include Birds of Paradise and two types of Roses: "Old Blush" (lavender flowers) and "Sunny Side Up" (pink, orange, yellow flowers). The roses are varieties that take minimal maintenance and bloom virtually year-round. In addition to being a beautiful enhancement, this change to a more permanent and uniform planting scheme will translate into long-term maintenance savings.



### **Water Main Break**



On the morning of January 25, a water main break occurred at 207 North Star Lane. Initial inspection of the break by the Water Maintenance and Repair Crew showed that the 1962 water main had a vertical crack running straight through the pipe. The water main was repaired by completely wrapping a section with a stainless steel clap. Water service was restored by early afternoon on the same day.



## NEWPORT BEACH POLICE DEPARTMENT

February 18, 2011

**TO:** Dave Kiff, City Manager  
**FROM:** Jay R. Johnson, Chief of Police  
**SUBJECT:** NEWSLETTER

### Department Welcomes New Officers

Please join me in welcoming the newest members of the Police Department, Police Officers Alex Maslin, David Sarega, and Joe De Julio.



*(Pictured from left to right are Chief Jay Johnson, Officers Alex Maslin, David Sarega, and Joe DeJulio)*

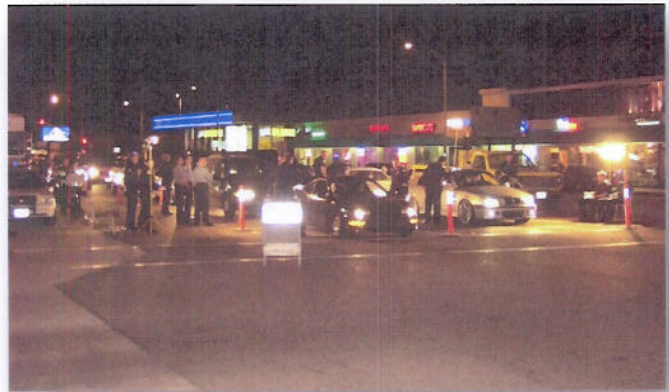
Alex was born in Orange, California. After spending two semesters at Irvine Valley College, Alex enlisted in the United States Marines Corps. In 2006, he served a tour of duty in Al Anbar Province, Iraq, operating as a machine gunner/infantryman. Alex remained in the United States Marine Corps until his Honorable Discharge in July 2009, attaining the rank of Sergeant (E-5). Alex was employed by Dick's Sporting Goods as a Shipping/Receiving Lead until starting the Police Academy in August 2010. Alex graduated from the Orange County Sheriff's Academy, Class #195, on February 8, 2011. He was the Honor Graduate and also earned top honors for Practical Applications. He was voted Class Sergeant by his classmates. Alex will be assigned to the Patrol Division with a Field Training Officer.

David was born in Huntington Park, California. He currently attends California State University-Fullerton and is scheduled to complete his Bachelor of Arts Degree in Criminal Justice in May 2011. David's older brother is Newport Beach Police Officer Andrew Sarega. On February 8, 2011, David graduated from the Orange County Sheriff's Academy, Class #195, earning top honors in Physical Training. He will be assigned to the Patrol Division with a Field Training Officer.

Joe was born and raised in Fountain Valley, California. He continued his education at the University of Phoenix and is scheduled to graduate in March 2011 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Criminal Justice Administration. Joe began his career with NBPD in January 2007 working as a Cadet, and both a part-time and full-time PCO prior to starting the Police Academy in August 2010. Joe graduated from the Orange County Sheriff's Academy, Class #195, on February 8, 2011. He earned top honors for Written Examinations, Communication Skills, Firearms Proficiency, ACT (Arrest Control Techniques), and was voted Class President by his classmates. Joe will be assigned to the Patrol Division with a Field Training Officer.

### DUI Checkpoint

On Friday, February 11, the Police Department's Traffic Division conducted a sobriety checkpoint in an effort to reduce the number of drinking drivers on the road. The checkpoint was located in the northbound traffic lanes of Newport Boulevard at Finley Avenue. While checkpoints do not necessarily produce dramatic increases in arrests, they do have a strong educational and deterrent influence on the motoring public. Sobriety checkpoints are established to ensure the public's safety and reduce the number of alcohol-impaired drivers in our Community.



Approximately 1300 vehicles passed through the checkpoint, of which 630 vehicles were screened for DUI. Part of the screening process included the distribution of educational brochures on "Driving Under the Influence (DUI)," prepared by the Traffic Division. Of the 630 vehicles screened, 13 drivers were administered Field Sobriety Exams, three drivers were arrested for DUI, three vehicles were impounded, and 12 citations were issued for miscellaneous violations. All arrestees were booked at the Police Department's jail. Funding for the checkpoint is provided by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS), through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

Jay R. Johnson  
CHIEF OF POLICE



To: Dave Kiff, City Manager

From: Laura Detweiler, Recreation & Senior Services Director

Date: February 18, 2011



### VALENTINE'S DAY WITH ACTIVE KIDZ



ACTIVE Kidz afterschool program celebrated Valentine's Day by making "heartfelt" crafts and showing their LOVE of sugary candy! Kindergarten through sixth grade participants enjoyed the theme of the day - **Cupids & Hearts** - by playing special games and creating Valentine crafts for their families.



### DOLL KNIGHT PROMOTED TO SR. RECREATION LEADER

Please join us in congratulating Doll Knight as her promotion to Senior Recreation Leader! Doll began working for the Recreation division as a CIT (Counselor in Training) in 2005; and hired part-time as a Recreation Leader working at Balboa Summer Camp in 2007. Since then she has become a great part of the ACTIVE Kidz afterschool program, serving at both West Newport and CYC. As a Senior Recreation Leader, Doll is in charge of the West Newport Active Kidz site. In her free time, Doll enjoys singing and playing music...and she's quite good too! You can find her band opening shows at the House of Blues in Anaheim or currently recording their first album.

### PRESIDENT'S WEEK CAMP

Next week is a holiday for all Newport-Mesa Unified School District children - which means that Active Kidz will be in session with **President's Week Camp** at CYC. Children K-6<sup>th</sup> grade will enjoy special crafts, games, tournaments, and a variety of structured activities. Campers will also walk to the Central Library and take an excursion to Scooter's Jungle during the week.

### PLAYGROUNDS

Recreation Staff completed the installation of replacement playground components at Bonita Canyon Sports Park and West Newport Park (Orange Street). The component replacement program maintains the playgrounds looking new, clean and most importantly safe. In addition, replacing elements of the playgrounds and keeping the core structure is efficient and cost effective, and saves thousands of dollars per playground.





## OASIS NEWS

- The Fitness Center has over 1300 members now and the Center is accommodating the exercise needs of our over 50 crowd. The Fitness Center has extended its hours to:

Monday through Thursday 7am – 8pm & Saturday and Sunday 8am – 2pm

This has been on ongoing suggestion since the Center opened in September. The extension of hours will help to spread out the amount of people working out at any one time and those interested in exercise after work.

- The Friends of OASIS held a Super Bowl Party with help from Assistant Coordinator, Justin Schmillen. It was held in the Event Center with viewing on the stage drop down screen. Between the large screen and the great sound in the room, the event was a big hit. Volunteers served chili dogs and chips, they put lounge chairs from the family room in the front for those who wanted the comforts of home and the others sat around tables and socialized with their friends. About 90 people attended.



- The County of Orange Health Care Agency presented *Good Meds, Bad Behavior*. This was an informational workshop on prescription and over-the-counter drug abuse. The agency has an educational project called PATH (Positive Actions Toward Health) to inform people that more die from abusing over-the-counter and prescription drugs than heroin, cocaine and ecstasy combined. This is also a prevalent problem amongst the older population due to the many medications that they take.

## Quote of the Day

**“To improve is to change, to be perfect is to change often”**

*-Winston Churchill*

<u>Upcoming Events</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Responsible Staff</u>	<u>Phone</u>	<u>Location</u>
<i>All My Sons</i>	1/21-2/20	8pm	NTAC	631-0288	NTAC
<i>OASIS Pancake Breakfast</i>	2/5	8:00	Celeste	644-3244	OASIS
<i>Spring Registration for Classes</i>	3/3	8am	Raquel Valdez	644-3156	All over the City
<i>Camp Expo @ Spirit Run</i>	3/27	5am	Raquel Valdez	644-3156	Fashion Island
<i>CPRS District X Banquet</i>	4/7	6pm	Matt Lohr	644-3164	OASIS
<i>City Youth Track Meet</i>	4/8	4:30pm	Angie Ernst/Scott W	644-3145	CdMHS
<i>Carroll Beek Grand Re-Opening</i>	5/20	5:30	Matt Lohr	644-3164	Carroll Beek



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# Orange County Natural History

## 2011 Lecture Series

### **January 5—White Sharks and Stingrays**

Chris Lowe, Ph.D. Professor, Dept of Biological Science, CSU Long Beach

### **February 2—Western Snowy Plovers Along the Beach**

Peter Knapp, CA Dept Fish & Game, Western Snowy Plover Recovery Team

### **March 2—Eelgrass Project at Back Bay Science Center**

Briana Madden, Education Director, Orange County Coastkeeper

### **April 6—Raptors of Orange County**

Scott Weldy, DVM, Orange County Bird of Prey Center

### **May 4—Native Plant Restoration**

Matt Yurko, Restoration Education Program Manager, CA Coastal Commission

### **June 1—Geology of Orange County**

Amy Stinson, Earth/Marine Science Instructor, Irvine Valley College

7-9 PM—Lectures held at Back Bay Science Center

Reservations recommended— 949-644-3038 or  
email: [tidepools@newportbeachca.gov](mailto:tidepools@newportbeachca.gov)

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Attendees need to be prompt; FRONT GATE OPEN 6:30-7:15 PM.



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